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**STATE SECRETARY
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Born Personal in Duisburg-Rheinhausen, North Rhine-Westphalia

Education

1983 - 1989 Studied economics, political science and philosophy in Münster and Bonn
graduating with a degree in economics

Career

1989 - 1994	Head of the editorial office of the Economica-Verlag publishing house in Bonn
1994 - 2003	Full-time President of the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU)
2003 - 2009	Director-General for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
2009 - 2013	President of the Federal Environment Agency
Since Dec. 2013	State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

**GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES
PETER WITTIG**



Peter Wittig has served as German Ambassador to the United States since April 2014.

Prior to this, he was German Ambassador to the United Nations in New York and represented Germany during its tenure as a member of the UN Security Council in 2011 and 2012. There, he drew on his wide expertise in United Nations matters, having previously served as Director-General for United Nations and Global Issues at the German Foreign Office in Berlin.

Wittig joined the German Foreign Service in 1982. He has served at the Embassy in Madrid; as private secretary to the Foreign Minister at the headquarters, then located in Bonn; and as Ambassador in Lebanon and in Cyprus. He was the German Government Special Envoy on the "Cyprus question" (the division of Cyprus). He has acquired extensive knowledge of the Middle East.

Before starting his career in the German Foreign Service, Wittig studied history, political science, and law at Bonn, Freiburg, Canterbury, and Oxford universities and taught as an assistant professor at the University of Freiburg.

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